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**PENDING CLAIMS AFTER AMENDMENTS  
MADE IN RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION DATED MARCH 26, 2002**

1. A plasmid comprising a DNA fragment containing a gene coding for an enzyme taking pyrroloquinoline-quinone (PQQ) as the prosthetic group, wherein the plasmid is a broad-host-range vector defective for conjugative transfer function, and the plasmid is expressed in bacteria of the genus *Pseudomonas*.
2. The plasmid according to Claim 1 wherein the broad-host-range vector is a plasmid belonging to the incompatibility group P-4.
3. The plasmid according to Claim 1 wherein the enzyme taking PQQ as the prosthetic group is glucose dehydrogenase.
4. A transformant comprising the plasmid according to Claim 1 as introduced into a bacterial strain that produces an enzyme taking PQQ as the prosthetic group.
5. The transformant according to Claim 4 wherein the strain that produces an enzyme taking PQQ as the prosthetic group is a bacterial strain of the genus *Pseudomonas*.
6. A method of producing an enzyme taking PQQ as the prosthetic group, which method comprises growing the transformant according to Claim 4 in a nutrient medium to produce the enzyme taking PQQ as the prosthetic group in the culture broth and harvesting the enzyme taking PQQ as the prosthetic group from said culture broth.